

Present:

Councillor Guerra – Chairperson
Councillor Elford
Councillor Patton
B. Burnside
S. Drysdale
C. Girardi
T. Allen, School Trustee

Absent:**Guests:**

Emrul Hasan, Last Man Stands Canada

Staff Present:

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
R. Gallagher, Acting Manager of Culture
M. Rukavina, Manager, Special Events and Filming
T. Cleave, Manager, Support Services and Accessibility
P. Yadav, Parks Operations Coordinator
L. Blake, 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 Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee of May 18, 2022, be amended by adding item I.2: Abuse of Officials at Minor Sports Games; and
2. The agenda be adopted as amended.

Carried

2. Adoption of April 12, 2022 Minutes

It was Moved by S. Drysdale
Seconded by C. Girardi
That the minutes of the Parks, Recreation & Culture
Committee meeting held on April 12, 2022, be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS**1. Emrul Hasan, Director
Last Man Stands Canada**

Emrul Hasan, Director, Last Man Stands Canada, provided a PowerPoint regarding Last Man Stands (LMS), a form of cricket targeted at maximizing participation and playing opportunities. The delegation was seeking opportunities to better compliment the current cricket structure in Surrey and maximize the use of facilities and opportunities for cricket players. The following information was highlighted:

- LMS is a two-hour, 8-a-side form of cricket for all abilities and is the world's largest amateur cricket league, with over 180,000 players worldwide. LMS also integrates the use of technology, providing global connections supported by regional, national and international events.

- More than 75% of immigrants to Surrey are from Asia, and 45% are from South Asia, where cricket is the main sport. LMS offers an immediate opportunity for participation and easy access. Players can register as a team, and if they do not have a team, LMS can help organize one. LMS is also committed to supporting equity deserving groups through sport through its Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Foundation, that aims to remove participation barriers, particularly amongst amateur players, newcomers, women, BIPOC and the LGBTQ+ community.
- Currently, existing cricket grounds are occupied by other sports groups over weekends and weeknights. The delegation suggested that at least two new grounds, preferably side-by-side, be implemented. It was also suggested that floodlights could be installed at existing facilities so players can play later into the evenings.

The Committee expressed support for the proposal and noted that the shorter form of the game is an attractive option, especially for younger players.

Laurie Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture, advised that staff can provide a report regarding the current status of cricket and sport field usage in Surrey, as well as future plans to develop additional sports fields.

C. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

1. **Mary Rukavina, Manager, Special Events and Filming, and Preeti Yadav, Parks Operations Coordinator**

Mary Rukavina, Manager, Special Events and Filming, and Preeti Yadav, Parks Operations Coordinator, provided a presentation regarding summer special events and highlighted the following events:

- On April 30, 2022, the City hosted Party for the Planet, BC's biggest Earth Day event, at Civic Plaza for over 7500 attendees. A survey indicated that 70% were first time attendees, 90% are very likely or likely to attend again, and that the most enjoyed features were food trucks, plant sale, music and dance, and environmental education. The 2022 Earth Day event featured the Live Green World Tent, a Speakers Series stage, sustainable interactive workshops and food trucks, with a number of vegan, vegetarian and locally sourced food options.
- Surrey will host an in-person Canada Day celebration on July 1 at the Bill Reid Millennium Amphitheatre after a two-year hiatus. The City's Canada Day celebration is one of the biggest in Canada, and in 2019 it hosted 72,000 attendees. This year's event will include a family zone, amusement rides, interactive games, fireworks show, an expanded Indigenous Village and Community Hub. The Community Hub will feature a community stage to highlight local bands and Surrey dance battles. This year's headliners will be the Arkells and Shawnee Kish.

- The 15th annual Surrey Fusion Festival will be held from July 23 – 24, 2022, at Holland Park and feature over 40 cultural pavilions showcasing food, music and culture, as well as over 100 vendors, non-profit organizations and corporate sponsors. The event will also feature a Kids Zone, hosted by the Downtown Business Improvement Association (BIA), an expanded Indigenous Village and marketplace, a youth cooking competition, Relaxation Zone, and five performance stages: Community, Dance, Celebration, Siam and Main.
- The 2021 Tree Lighting Festival was the City's first major in-person event since the start of the pandemic. The 2022 Festival will feature an enchanted tent with family entertainment, light displays and holiday crafts hosted by the Downtown BIA, North Pole Zone within City Hall with photos with Santa, family entertainment, Toddler Town and Sensory Friendly Space, and the tree lighting on the plaza stage.

The Committee commended staff for their work to provide such high-quality events. It was suggested that staff could connect with Solid State, a youth cooperative group, as a way to introduce new artists to events and have more youth involvement at future events.

2. **Tara Cleave, Manager, Support Services and Accessibility**

Tara Cleave, Manager, Support Services and Accessibility, provided the following update regarding the Virtual Sports Hall of Fame:

- The Virtual Sports Hall of Fame is intended to honor Surrey athletes for their outstanding contribution and achievements, celebrate sport achievement, recognize excellence and honor past, present and future sport role models, and honor the athletic community for their efforts to bring provincial, national and international recognition to Surrey.
- The BC Sports Hall of Fame has a best practice virtual model with a searchable database that allows users to find associated members or search by year or sport. Digital content can be searched and interconnected to create a variety of stories and educational opportunities driven by the interest of the visitor. The digital platform meets multiple accessible goals, including 24/7 access, on-demand translation, ability to be viewed by individuals with disabilities and no entrance costs. Virtual information can be archived annually to help maintain records of Surrey's sports communities. In addition to the online platform, kiosks can be implemented at facilities to offer an interactive experience and help drive visitors to the virtual platform.
- The Virtual Hall of Fame Planning Team consists of Parks, Recreation & Culture Administration, Culture & Heritage and IT staff, as well as an external consultant and community stakeholders. The next steps to developing the Virtual Hall of Fame will include research, community consultation, and developing recommendations and a final report, concluding with the implementation of the Virtual Hall of Fame and induction of the first member as part of the Civic Distinction Awards.

In response to a question from the Committee, Laurie Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture, advised that Sport Surrey is a partnership brand to market Surrey sport opportunities for sport tourism. Staff will ensure that it is made clear that Sport Surrey is not a separate entity from the City.

The Committee noted that a Sports Hall of Fame is a much-needed venue to celebrate Surrey athletes and there are numerous stories of nationally and internationally recognized athletes that should be highlighted.

3. **Ryan Gallagher, Acting Manager of Culture**

Ryan Gallagher, Acting Manager of Culture, provided the following update regarding civic and private development public art:

Civic Public Art

- An artist call will be released in June for a multi-part artwork on four sheer walls of the east elevation of Bear Creek Athletics Centre. The submission deadline will be in August or September followed by a two-stage selection process.
- The 2022 public art street banners, *Frogs* by Atheana Picha, are expected to be installed by May 20.
- *Thunderbeing* by Roxanne Charles has been installed at Surrey Libraries – Clayton branch.

Private Public Art

- A preliminary public art plan has been submitted for the Pura development by Adera located on 132 Street and 105 Avenue. There are public art opportunities on entrance gates at the ground level along 132 and 133 Street and 105 Avenue. Staff have emphasized that public art funds should cover the enhancement portion of gate fabrication, and not the construction budget for standard gates. A long list of diverse artists, both local and national, has been submitted. This project is expected to begin the selection process and PRCC will be provided update following the selection process and submission of the project's detailed public art plan.
- A preliminary public art plan has been submitted for the PKWY development by Bluesky/Bosa located on 104 Avenue and City Parkway. In response to staff and the Committee's advice that the corner plaza is the preferred location for public art, the developer will allocate 70% of the public art budget for the corner plaza installation, and 30% for the middle plaza installation. Following confirmation of additional budget details and artist long list review, the project is on track to proceed to the selection process. Further updates will be provided to PRCC at future meetings.

D. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

This section had no items to consider.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2022 Outdoor Pools Operation

File No. 8000-50

Laurie Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture, advised that some of the City's outdoor pools have opened earlier than usual. Council has always supported providing access to the City's outdoor pools at no general charge.

It was Moved by B. Burnside
Seconded by S. Drysdale
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture
Committee receive the report dated May 10, 2022, regarding the 2022 outdoor
pools operation for information.

Carried

2. 2022 Park Ambassador Program

File No. 0330-01

Laurie Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture, reported that there are ongoing challenges related to staff recruitment across all departments. The Park Ambassador program was introduced at the start of the pandemic. Through the program, staff have identified high-level use locations that would benefit from Park Ambassadors: Elgin Heritage Park, Blackie Spit, Bear Creek Athletic Park and Newton Athletic Park.

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

- Metro Vancouver has a Park Ranger program and staff can report back on their program entails.
- The Park Ambassador position requires a level of customer service experience, as well as a driver's license due to the distance between the locations, which limits the age of potential Ambassadors.

It was Moved by S. Drysdale
Seconded by B. Burnside
That the Parks, Recreation & Culture
Committee receive the report dated May 10, 2022, regarding the 2022 Park
Ambassador program for information.

Carried

3. Age-friendly Updates

File No. 0360-06

It was

Moved by S. Drysdale

Seconded by B. Burnside

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture

Committee receive the report dated May 10, 2022, regarding age-friendly updates 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

This section had no items to consider.

I. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Verbal Updates

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

- The photography permit pilot program at Elgin Heritage Park has been going well. In response to concerns that were raised, the pilot has been modified to increase the duration of photo sessions, ability to book multiple dates (in the event a session is cancelled due to bad weather), and the ability for the permit to be issued for the photographer or group having their photo taken. To date, 18 permits for 25 different photo sessions have been issued. The program has helped staff anticipate activity levels, particularly when there are other special events scheduled. Signage has also been installed to restrict parking for large buses and limos.
- The City has received \$5.5M in funding from the Child Care BC New Spaces program for the creation of 171 new childcare spaces at Kensington Prairie Community Centre, Don Christian Community Centre, Surrey Sport and Leisure Complex, Elgin Centre and Newton Recreation Centre.
- The Surrey Steps Up – Youth Showcase will be held at City Hall on June 3, and will celebrate youth for their positive work in the community. The event will feature food trucks, arcade games, dance floor, DJ, prizes and more.

- The Girls Empowerment Program has been running since 2009 in partnership with the Surrey School District, Surrey Firefighters Charitable Society and the City of Surrey. The program is currently serving female youth between grade 8 – 10 in four secondary schools who are struggling to make and maintain healthy relationships, are negatively engaging at school and the community, and are in need of positive adult mentorship. The program will be expanded to include elementary schools serving preteens in the Clayton community.
- Settlement Services in Recreation Centres is a partnership with DIVERSEcity, MOSAIC, Options Community Services, Progressive Intercultural Community Services (PICS) and S.U.C.C.E.S.S. that offers support for newcomers, immigrants and newcomers.
- Softball City will host the annual Canada Cup Women's Softball tournament from June 20 – 26, 2022.
- Staff continue to address covered picnic table requests as they arise from the community. Covered picnic tables have recently been installed at Roberson Drive Park, Beaver Creek Park and Kabaddi Park.
- Moffatt Park in North Surrey has been identified as a potential location for a new walking track. Public engagement will be held between Spring and Fall 2022 to determine if the location is feasible. A new walking track at Kabaddi Park and track resurfacing of the running track at South Surrey Athletic Park will be completed pending better weather to finish the topcoat and line painting, respectively.
- New artificial turf fields at South Surrey and Newton Athletic Parks are both open to the public. There are a few outstanding deficiencies to be addressed at both locations.
- Covered bleachers on the northwest field at Tamanawis Park have improved weather protection for spectators.
- Construction is underway on eight pickleball courts at Crescent Park. The project is anticipated to be completed in late summer 2022.
- The expansion of washroom facilities at Blackie Spit is anticipated to be completed by mid-June.
- The Museum of Surrey will open its spring exhibits *Body Language* and *Untangling Textiles* on May 19. In addition, all of the Museum's summer camps are full and staff are exploring expansion opportunities where possible.
- The City received a \$3M grant from Canada Cultural Spaces Fund for the development of two Indigenous Carving Centres, with locations in South and North Surrey.

- As part of Emergency Preparedness Week, the City is actively promoting a new public notification system app called Alertable. The app allows the City and Province to provide emergency alerts. Volunteers will be available to assist residents with registration.

2. Abuse of Officials at Minor Sports Games

A Committee member reported that there are ongoing issues related to attracting and retaining officials for minor sports games due to the abuse they receive from coaches and parents. It was noted that Kelowna and Kamloops have implemented signs at City venues advising that verbal abuse is not permitted.

The Committee requested that a presentation from provincial or local organizations be provided to better understand the issue.

Laurie Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture, advised that staff can report back on best practices and strategies to ensure respectful environments.

J. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee is scheduled to be held virtually on June 22, 2022.

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was

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

Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Certified as true and correct:

Jennifer Ficocelli, City Clerk

Chairperson – Councillor Guerra