

Present:

Councillor Hepner, Chairperson
Councillor Kooner, Vice-Chair
T. Allen, School Trustee
G. Bhurji
B. Burnside
R. Prasad
N. Sangha
K. Sidhu
S. McCartney

Absent:

D. Baird

Staff Present:

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
N. Aven, Manager of Parks
L. White, Manager of Recreation Services
A. Patterson, Manager of Guildford Recreation Town Centre
A. Sodha, Administrative Assistant

INTRODUCTIONS

A roundtable of introductions was held.

Council Kooner entered the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

It was

Moved by Trustee Allen
Seconded by Councillor Kooner
That the agenda of the Parks, Recreation &
Sport Tourism Committee meeting of April 5, 2023, be adopted.
Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

1. Scott McCartney, Owner, The Golf Park Company

Scott McCartney, The Golf Park Company, provided a presentation regarding a proposed 18-hole championship putting course combined with an urban garden that could become a unique recreational attraction in Canada. The course would be smaller in size than a typical golf course, and players would use only a putter and ball. The course would be designed with rolling hills, water features, sand traps, and beautiful gardens. The course could be used for charitable and competitive golf events, as well as attracting tourists and complementing other amenities such as a free-use golf park. Overall, the course would offer a relaxing garden experience for non-golfers and a challenging but less intimidating golf experience for everyone.

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

- The delegation has a wealth of experience in the golf industry, including founding and running a synthetic turf installation company, designing, and building over 500 unique golf projects, and creating some of the most realistic grasses used in Canada today and is looking to apply this experience to creating a community putting course and have started the golf cart company to bring this idea to fruition. The vision includes incorporating gardens, layers of plantings, and unique urban art displays, while also partnering with local youth organizations to provide access to the game of golf.
- The delegation is seeking support to create an 18-hole putting course for the community and tourists. 1.5 to 2.5 acres of land, potentially a previous golf park is needed and a public-private partnership between Scott McCartney and the City of Surrey is proposed. The putting course would be a place of community connection, inclusive to all, and visually stunning. The proposed course will be a landmark facility for the city that will host large-scale competitive golf events and be a draw for tourism. The putting course itself would have a fee, but there would be open areas for people to try golf. There is a clear business plan for the proposal, but there can be challenges related to bringing it to fruition. The project could provide opportunities for community collaboration and partnering with non-profits for mental health programs for youth.
- Helping envision this project include the owner of the Little Bear Golf Facility and the general manager at the Children's Museum, who have provided insights on the installation process, as well as representatives from Paragolf Canada and the First Tee of Canada, who are interested in providing opportunities for para-golfers and youth to access golf programs respectively.

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, advised that the city is exploring partnerships to have more activation and amenities in parks. There is a specific procedure to ensure an open and inclusive process when partnering with individuals. Staff can report back on the proposal at a future meeting.

C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

This section had no items to consider.

D. NEW BUSINESS**1. Review of the Terms of Reference**

It was Moved by B. Burnside
Seconded by Councillor Kooner
That the Parks, Recreation & Sport Tourism
Committee support the PRSTC Terms of Reference as presented.
Carried

2. Annual Workplan

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, advised that the Committee would review master plans and updates on capital infrastructure for parks, provide feedback on community consultations related to park projects, make recommendations for naming new parks, review fees and charges for park services, and address other activities related to supporting tourism. The committee may also receive delegations from the public regarding city facilities. The work plan can be amended throughout the year based on the committee's needs and requests.

It was Moved by Councillor Kooner
Seconded by Trustee Allen
That the Parks, Recreation & Sport Tourism
Committee support the PRSTC Workplan as presented.
Carried

3. 2023 Committee Meeting Schedule

It was Moved by Councillor Kooner
Seconded by B. Burnside
That the Parks, Recreation & Sport Tourism
Committee adopt the 2023 meeting schedule as presented.
Carried

4. Parks, Recreation & Culture 2023 Draft Service Delivery Plan

File: 0360-06

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture, presented a portion of the Parks, Recreation & Culture annual work plan, outlining the department's past awards, mission, values, amenities, plans, and strategies. Information was also provided regarding the organizational structure of the management team and described the various units within the department's functions. The work plan is a reference document for the Committee, and the full plan will be presented at the next meeting. The Committee can suggest additional items for the plan.

It was Moved by R. Prasad
Seconded by B. Burnside
That the Parks, Recreation & Sport Tourism
Committee receive the report dated March 22, 2023 regarding the Parks,
Recreation & Culture 2023 Draft Service Delivery Plan for information.
Carried

5. Update on the Group and Staged Photography Pilot Project

File: 0360-06

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture provided information regarding a pilot program implemented in response to challenges at popular parks particularly the Historic Stewart Farm and the Elgin Heritage Park, where increasing numbers of visitors were causing congestion, garbage issues, and non-compliance with park rules. The program required photography groups to obtain a no-fee permit in advance to manage the number of visitors and obtain information about their use of the facility. The program was successful and resulted in increased compliance and positive outcomes. The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture is recommending that the program continue to be required for group and stage photography at the park and farm location.

The Committee expressed support for the program to continue, as well as potentially implementing a fee for non-Surrey residents.

It was Moved by N. Sangha
Seconded by K. Sidhu
That the Parks, Recreation & Sport Tourism
Committee:

1. Receive the report dated March 22, 2023 regarding an update on the Group and Staged Photography Pilot Project for information; and
2. Support the recommendation as described in the report that a no fee permit continues to be required for Group & Staged Photography at Elgin Heritage Park and the Glades Woodland Garden Park and reviewed annually.

Carried

6. Update on the Delegation from Dynamo Swim Club

File: 0360-06

The General Manager of Parks, Recreation & Culture provided information regarding a swim club from Burnaby that booked the community pool but over time their usage was reduced due to the high demand from Surrey residents and local swim clubs. The club is not exclusively made up of Surrey residents and there were concerns from local clubs that their presence was taking away swim time. The club was given notice that their time would be reduced, however, they still have some weekend time but will have to request evaluation for 2023-2024. The priority is for Surrey residents to have access to the pool and for staff to offer as many swimming lessons as possible to the community.

The Committee noted that the priority should be for Surrey residents to have access to the pool, even if that means restricting private swim clubs from outside the municipality. However, the Committee suggested that a report from Dynamo Swim Club be provided to better understand the situation.

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture, advised that this portion of the meeting is meant to fulfill that purpose.

It was
Moved by G. Bhurji
Seconded by Councillor Kooner
That the Parks, Recreation & Sport Tourism
Committee receive the report dated March 23, 2023 regarding the update on the delegation from Dynamo Swim Club for information.
Carried

7. Youth Week 2023
File: 0360-06

The General Manager of Parks, Recreation & Culture provided information about Surrey's Youth Week, which has been celebrated since 1995. They describe the event as being very successful and youth-focused, with various events planned throughout the week. These events include the Service Above Self Youth Awards (SASSY), video game competitions, activities in skate parks, cooking events, and different sports. The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture believes that it is a great opportunity to acknowledge the accomplishments of Surrey's youth, and they are always open to hearing more ideas. They also mention a successful event called Surrey Steps Up, which welcomed hundreds of youths to City Hall to celebrate the great work done in the city by young people and community partners.

It was
Moved by Trustee Allen
Seconded by B. Burnside
That the Parks, Recreation & Sport Tourism
Committee receive the report dated March 23, 2023 regarding Youth Week for information.
Carried

E. CORRESPONDENCE

This section had no items to consider.

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

This section had no items to consider.

G. OTHER BUSINESS**1. Verbal Updates**

The Committee provided the following verbal updates:

The sport and leisure complex are closed for maintenance and will reopen on May 9th. Facilities have switched over to ball hockey and lacrosse season, and some have transitioned to a dry floor. The department received grants for accessibility modifications and planning for National Indigenous Peoples Day. They are also updating the age-friendly strategy for the city of Surrey. The Bear Creek Stadium is under construction and will not be available this summer, but the water park will still be open. The department is having a big tree sale on April 29th and another one on May 14th. They have been very successful in offering low-cost trees for residents to purchase.

2. Delegation Request**(a) Laura Ballance, President, Softball City Non-Profit, and Greg Timm, Chair Canada Cup/Canadian Amateur Sports Society**

Requesting to appear before the Parks, Recreation & Sport Tourism Committee meeting to provide a presentation regarding softball tournaments.

It was

Moved by B. Burnside

Seconded by G. Bhurji

That Laura Balance, President, Softball

City Non-Profit and Greg Timm, Chair Canada Cup/Canadian Amateur Sports Society be heard as a delegation at the Parks, Recreation & Sport Tourism Committee.

Carried

(b) M. Emrul Hasan, Representatives, Last Man Stands Canada

Requesting to appear before the Parks, Recreation & Sport Tourism Committee meeting to provide a presentation regarding the achievements over the last year and plans for the organization in 2023.

It was

Moved by N. Sangha

Seconded by B. Burnside

That M. Emrul Hasan, Representatives,

Last Man Stands Canada be heard as a delegation at the Parks, Recreation & Sport Tourism Committee.

Carried

H. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Sport Tourism Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10, 2023.

I. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Councillor Kooner

Seconded by B. Burnside

That the Parks, Recreation & Sport Tourism

Committee meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The Parks, Recreation & Sport Tourism Committee adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Jennifer Ficocelli, City Clerk

Councillor Hepner, Chairperson