

Present:

Councillor Hepner, Chairperson
Councillor Kooner
D. Baird
G. Bhurji
B. Burnside
N. Sangha
K. Sidhu

Absent:

T. Allen, School Trustee

Staff Present:

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
S. Nichols, Deputy City Clerk
N. Aven, Director, Parks
L. White
K. Van Eaton

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

It was Moved by N. Sangha
Seconded by K. Sidhu
That the agenda of the Parks, Recreation and
Sport Tourism Committee meeting of October 4, 2023, be adopted.
Carried

2. Adoption of the Minutes

It was Moved by N. Sangha
Seconded by D. Baird
That the minutes of the Parks, Recreation
and Sport Tourism Committee meeting of September 6, 2023, be adopted.
Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

G. Bhurji and Councillor Kooner entered the meeting at 6:02pm

1. Doug Louth and Kathleen Pearl

The delegation spoke to the committee regarding:

- frustrations related to registration for aqua classes and participants abusing the wristband system;
- the condition of aqua equipment which is outdated and have bite marks from children;
- age-appropriate music during aqua fit classes;
- the lack of clear and visible signage on the pool deck;
- moving staff from other facilities which are closed for renovation and cleaning to those that are open so more classes can be offered;

- hazards related to users blocking access to the hot tub by sitting on the stairs;
- use of disabled changeroom by families;
- lack of staff enforcement with those who abuse the facilities.

The delegation suggested using volunteers to help with enforcement and asked for better consultation with seniors who use the facilities.

The Committee thanked the delegation and discussed the concerns raised.

2. Gurbux Saini and Kewal Taggar
Chimney Heights Park Association

The delegation spoke on behalf of the Chimney Heights Park Association to the desire, of the immediate neighbourhood, for a community centre at Chimney Heights Park. The delegation noted that the petition submitted to the Committee represented over 95% of the total residents in the area. The delegation explained the various ways in which the park is used by the community and how a simple community centre, with a basic kitchen, two large rooms that could accommodate 75 people in each room, would provide shelter for the winter months when residents want to still gather in the park. The delegation suggested that the City utilize some of the grant money received by the Provincial government for infrastructure and community facilities to fund the building.

The Committee thanked the delegation and discussed improvements made to the park over the years. The Committee acknowledged the importance the park plays in promoting a sense of community and the health benefits of socialization and physical activity.

C. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

1. Kylie Van Eaton, Seniors Volunteers Project Manager, City of Surrey
Childcare Facility Development in Surrey

The staff presentation included information on the strategy for childcare expansion across the city including;

- background on the Provincial Child Care plan and priorities;
- the current number of childcare spaces in the City and the 7,000 target for childcare spaces;
- the City's childcare approach which includes a coordinated childcare system, stable and diverse work force and partnerships with the Provincial government and other agencies;
- the building blocks of investment and infrastructure, collaboration and service delivery to reduce social inequities in school readiness and help improve overall health and wellbeing outcomes for children and families;
- the Surrey Community Childcare Task Force which is made up of 15 different organizations who meet every two months to communicate and collaborate to assist Surrey families;

- staff collaboration with many departments, including Planning and Development, to review policies and improve zoning to assist in the creation of childcare spaces;
- the desire to add 450 new spaces by 2026;
- the creation of four indigenous programs by 2025.

Staff advised that the next steps include looking at the City's own resources, where to add childcare spaces, continued partnership with the Province, City departments and external agencies to make childcare more available within the City.

In response to questions from the Committee related to Provincial funding, staff advised that grant funding is used for specific purposes such as building additions or modifications for childcare facilities. Staff are actively seeking childcare opportunities within the city that are cost neutral. It is the goal to work, live and have childcare within the downtown core of Surrey.

The Committee acknowledged the deficit in childcare spaces in the City and discussed various options, such as integrating childcare into schools, to help reach the City's target. The Committee requested that staff write to the Province urging them to integrate childcare into school facilities.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Wayfinding Signage at Athletic Parks in Surrey

File: 0360-06

It was

Moved by Councillor Kooner

Seconded by G. Bhurji

That the Parks, Recreation and Sport

Tourism Committee receive the report for information.

Carried

Staff acknowledged that finding a specific field, especially within larger parks, can be a challenge and advised that the City is taking a holistic approach to signage starting with the South Surrey Athletic Park. Should the approach prove successful, wayfinding at the Newton and Cloverdale athletic parks will be updated. Staff noted that the City's online mapping app, Cosmos, includes up to date maps for all athletic parks.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Sensory Friendly Swim Schedule Initiative

The Chair advised that four additional pieces of correspondence had been received after delegations' September 6, 2023 appearance.

Staff provided an update on the delegation request and advised that they are confident that they will be able fully accommodate the request. A staff report will be coming to the November committee meeting.

F. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Verbal Updates

L. Cavan, GM, Parks, Recreation and Culture updated the Committee on the following:

- Senior hockey player concerns have been addressed by adding a 65+ hockey program at the Surrey Sport and Leisure Complex.
- Staff at the Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre have been working with the RCMP and Bylaw staff to address inappropriate use and behaviour at the facility.
- The City is hosting its final tree sale between September 27 and October 11, 2023. Trees are selling out quickly and are available for pick up on October 22nd.
- A presentation will be coming to the Committee on innovated youth programs.
- The Bear Creek lights volunteer appreciation event, for the City's over 1,700 volunteers, will be taking place on November 2, 2023.

2. Delegation Request

- **Canada Cup**

Canada Cup representatives requesting to appear as a delegation to the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee to report back on the successes of the 2023 Canada Cup as well as to update the committee on the exciting plans for 2024 and some of the marquee tournaments they are bidding on and have won.

It was

Moved by Councillor Kooner

Seconded by K. Sidhu

That Canada Cup be invited as a delegation to the November Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee meeting.

Carried

G. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee is scheduled for November 1, 2023.

H. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by D. Baird

Seconded by K. Sidhu

That the Parks, Recreation and Sport

Tourism Committee meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The adjourned at 7:07pm.

Jennifer Ficocelli, City Clerk

Councillor G. Hepner, Chair