

# *Parks, Recreation & Sport Tourism Committee – Minutes*

2E – Community Room A  
City Hall  
13450 – 104 Avenue  
Surrey, BC  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2016  
Time: 5:33 p.m.  
File: 0540-20

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**Present:**

Councillor Hayne – Chairperson  
Councillor Gill  
T. Allen  
R. Benson  
M. Booth  
B. Burnside  
C. Murphy  
Gurpreet Rai  
S. Gill – Youth Representative

**Regrets:**

C. Annable

**Staff Present:**

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture  
O. Croy, Manager, Parks  
T. Uhrich, Parks Planning, Research & Design Manager  
L. White, Manager Community & Leisure Services  
S. Rennie, CRS South Surrey Manager  
D. Gill-Badesha, CRS Healthy Communities Manager  
L. Anderson, Legislative Services

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**A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was

Moved by T. Allen

Seconded by B. Burnside

That the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee meeting of April 20, 2016, be adopted.

Carried

**B. DELEGATIONS**

**1. Bob Armstrong, President, Crescent Beach Swimming Club**

Bob Armstrong, President, Crescent Beach Swimming Club, was in attendance to provide an update on the activities of the Crescent Beach Swimming Club (CBSC).

A PowerPoint presentation of images (dating back to 1922) were shown and a brief history of the CBSW was given. Additional comments were as follows:

- CBSC stands for the opposite of elite sports – it's all about fun and recreation.
- Founded in 1918 as the Crescent Beach Regatta Association, the CBSC continues to be an example of building a community; an entirely volunteer run club, extremely active during the two summer months, supporting the continuity in the community and developing great role models.
- The CBSC established its current name in 1953, at which time a second 25-yard tank was added to the ocean floats and swim lessons for small children moved to the Wickson family's tidal pool.

M. Booth joined the meeting at 5:39 pm

- In 1958 the diving and tennis programs were established, followed by sailing lessons in 1968 and the water polo program in 1975.
- A donation of land by BC Packers in 1961 facilitated the construction of the CBSC's own tidal pool. In 1973, BC Packers again assisted with the addition of two tennis courts added to the property.
- In 1997 the Crescent Beach Lifeguarding Corporation was established and CBSC took over lifeguard services at Crescent Beach from the City of Surrey.
- Fast forward to 2016: Family "membership" (\$180 per family/per year) offers a very busy 8-week program during the summer months, ranging in activities from swimming and water polo (both a big part of the program), tennis, sailing, synchronized swimming, kids triathlon and volleyball. Some other activities include Friday night foot races, Bingo, sandcastle competition, half mile swim, Snail River Run, and of course the traditional rite of passage ... swimming the tanks! All of which continue to be made possible through the large team of efficient volunteers.

S. Gill joined the meeting at 5:43 pm

- Over 100 new members are welcomed each year. In 2015, participation totaled more than 1,700 people, represented by 364 family members and another 120 senior, individual and social members. Approximately half of the participants are within bicycle distance, with the other half driving from South Surrey and a bit beyond.
- A big part of CBSC is the multigenerational participation – a unique and defining feature – families come back year after year to have the same experience for their children that they had as children.
- With the 100<sup>th</sup> year of the CBSW coming up in 2018, possibly the oldest summer swimming club in BC, planning for various celebration events and activities has begun. It is sure to be an exciting year!

The Committee expressed their appreciation for the presentation and complimented the CBSC and the many volunteers for their dedication in bringing people together, to enjoy a safe and healthy environment - a terrific asset to the community.

## 2. **Matt Holbrook, Sport Tourism Manager, SportSurrey**

Matt Holbrook, the new Sport Tourism Manager, Sport Surrey, was introduced to the Committee and a brief update on Sport Surrey was provided. Additional comments were as follows:

- The focus over the past couple of months has been to identify and implement efficiencies for sport tourism to work with City departments and the strategy to attract more and new events such as Quidditch tournaments (a growing competitive full-contact sport, played worldwide by over 400 teams, including 30 in Canada).

- Initial outreach has been quite receptive to the infrastructure we can offer, noting that soccer and heads in beds continue to be the number one concern.
- Focus over the next few months will be to continue to talk with contacts and stakeholders to encourage and develop new business.

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture noted the importance of the City's relationship working with Mr. Holbrook, achieving the best work when working together - critical to the success of the sport tourism strategy.

With respect to the recent reception held at the provincial events in South Surrey, representation from the City, SportSurrey and the Committee where there to offer information to provincial sport organizations to learn more about the City's facilities and where the opportunities are to support their needs. It is a way of reminding the organizations we are open for business and would like to host them. A review will be given to determine if this is something that should be offered annually.

It was suggested that for future receptions, it may be worthwhile to offer a tour bus to provide site tours to the facilities that are of interest prior to the reception. Staff will seek interest from sport organizations.

## C. STAFF PRESENTATION

### 1. **Stacey Rennie, CRS South Surrey Manager and Daljit Gill-Badesha, CRS Healthy Communities Manager**

Stacey Rennie, CRS South Surrey Manager and Daljit Gill-Badesha, CRS Healthy Communities Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation of the highlights of 2015 and a review of the stats for the 0-18 programs and services. Comments were as follows:

- One out of three children/youth in Surrey participate in City recreation programs and services.
- Guided by best practice and healthy child development principles, our programs are built around elements from:
  - Provincial Early Years Framework;
  - Canada's High Five Quality Standards of Excellence Program; and
  - Search Institutes 40 Developmental Assets.
- Supporting children to be healthy, active and engaged for life:
  - Over 56,000 children learned to swim and enhance water safety last year;
  - Over 16,500 children learned to skate; and
  - An additional 12,275 children developed fundamental movement and sport skills.
- The largest provider of ECD programs for Surrey, the City offered programming for its 35,000+ children ages 0-5 years: over 4,000 programs each year, serving 31,000 children in registered programs, and more than

36,000 children through drop-in activities. 12,500 unique participants were served over 300,000 times.

- Working in collaboration with communities helps best to meet the diverse needs and interests of our families. Examples of how we're working together include:
  - UW Avenues of Change – place based early year's initiative (now in its third year) to improve outcomes for vulnerable children and families;
  - First Steps Program – Early Years Settlement Initiative – bridge families to City and community services;
  - Kensington Prairie Community Centre and Early Years hub – ANH, Fraser Health Authority, MCFD, Semiahmoo Family Place; and
  - Two BC Early Years Centres – Newton and Kensington Prairie (funding just received for two new centres).
- There are 41,500 middle years (ages 6-12 years) children in Surrey. Served almost 600,000 times in 2015, more than 23,000 in this age group uniquely supported, including 12,000 pre-teens, through the expansion of our programming, partnerships and community. Parent education opportunities were also expanded, provided free of charge.
- The MYzone program (launched in 2012), supporting children during those “critical” (most vulnerable) hours between 3-6pm, has grown to eight sites across the city. The program served over 639 children in 2015, linking them to more City services and helping them feel more connected to their community and more confidence to participate in other sport and recreation activities.
- Over 1,300 out of school time spots are provided each year, 1,090 summer day camps offered.
- 10,881 children of all abilities participate in the 1,090 summer day camps and more than 1,300 out of school time spots are provided each year, focussing on children's healthy development, nature, etc., through a range of activities.
- The Kids Conference, held in November to coincide with the International Day of the Child, served an average of 300 children during the conference.
- Over 11,600 youth (ages 13 – 18 years) participated in registered programs last year. An additional 82,600 participated in youth drop-in programs and activities.
- Youth events BAND-AID, SASSY, Surrey Basketball Showcase, Youth Week, were all very well received and supported.
- Youth employment opportunities available for young adults in the summer. Summer day camps also employ over 120 camp leaders each year building on leadership and employment skills for young adults.

A short video was shown to support the information provided and to demonstrate the enthusiasm of the participants.

In response to questions from the Committee, the following was noted:

- First Steps programming is seeing an increase in Syrian families and more support has been added, e.g. in the Guildford area, the recreation centre has

been helping with space support to allow organizations to conduct immunizations and settlement clinics. The City is looking at how to deliver additional English conversation circles. In addition, the City has established a way that any refugees can be fast tracked into the leisure access program.

- Key in terms of working together with partners is having access to models and initiatives to reach those families that may be hard to reach. Agencies are out there doing the outreach and they work together with City staff to ensure the most vulnerable can be reached.
- With respect to communicating the opportunities for sports involvement through various grass roots community sports programs, etc., staff have local planning tables which include a model for youth services outside of our facilities, an outreach approach, to help as a starter program to engage those who do not have access but would like sport involvement.
- Over the years there have been different initiatives to establish bench marks of how the City compares to other cities in the region. It has been more effective to track ourselves and set targets of growth within our own city using the data we have, e.g. how long people are staying active in our programs, etc. Based on that, we have been setting our own measures, benchmarking against ourselves.

The Committee thanked staff for the review and statistics and extended compliments for the outstanding results and the thoughtful process and coordinating efforts made by staff to provide the support, programming and opportunities for Surrey's children and youth.

## 2. **Ted Uhrich, Parks Planning, Research and Design Manager**

Ted Uhrich, Parks Planning, Research and Design Manager, was in attendance to provide a brief update on the Fleetwood Athletic Park Concept Plan, to be located west of the Surrey Sport and Leisure Centre (SSLC).

A PowerPoint presentation was given, providing images of Surrey's premier athletic park facilities, noting that the future Fleetwood Athletic Park will benefit those parks as it will be located within a 5 km radius from each of them, taking some of the pressure off those other facilities.

An overview of the site and the concept for the park was shown, noting that there will be more youth features such as a bike park, playground and field house to support facilities. 168 parking spaces will also serve to accommodate overflow parking for SSLC. Expansion of the park is not possible as the neighbouring Bonnie Schrenk Park is protected under a Council Dedication By-law, and is a natural area set aside for its intrinsic natural values.

Construction of the park is scheduled for 2019: preplanning/site survey – 2016; public consultation and conceptual design – 2017; and detailed design and tendering - 2018.

**D. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS****E. NEW BUSINESS****1. Dog Off Leash Area Update**

File No. 6140-20

The memorandum from the Parks Planning, Research and Design Manager, dated May 18, 2016, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee receive the report as information.

It was

Moved by R. Benson

Seconded by C. Murphy

That the Parks, Recreation and Sport

Tourism Committee receive the report from the Parks Planning, Research and Design Manager, dated May 18, 2016, entitled “*Status Update of the Dog Off Leash Area Update*”, as information.

Carried**2. Naming of Two (2) Parks in Whalley**

File No. 6140-00

The memorandum from the Manager, Parks Planning, Research and Design, dated May 18, 2016, regarding the above subject line, was reviewed. It was recommended that the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee:

1. Receive the report as information;
2. Recommend to Council that the following park names be adopted:
  - a) Approve the name “**West Village Park**” for the park lot currently labelled 21H Neighbourhood Park; and
  - b) Approve the name “**Iona Park**” for the park lot currently labelled 30B Tot Lot; and
3. Attach a copy of this report to the minutes of the meeting for Council reference.

It was Moved by T. Allen  
Seconded by M. Booth  
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport  
Tourism Committee receive the report from the Parks Planning, Research and  
Design Manager, dated May 18, 2016, entitled "Naming of Two (2) Parks in Whalley"  
as information, and that a copy of the report be attached to the minutes of the  
meeting for Council reference.

Carried

### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

It was Moved by M. Booth  
Seconded by C. Murphy  
That the Parks, Recreation and Sport  
Tourism Committee recommend that Council:

1. Receive the report from the Parks Planning, Research and Design Manager, dated May 18, 2016, entitled "Naming of Two (2) Parks in Whalley" (attached as **Appendix 1**) as information;
2. Adopt the name "**West Village Park**" for the park lot currently labelled 21H Neighbourhood Park; and
3. Adopt the name "**Iona Park**" for the park lot currently labelled 30B Tot Lot.

Carried

### F. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

### G. CORRESPONDENCE

### H. INFORMATION ITEMS

### I. OTHER BUSINESS

1. **2016 Partners in Parks Celebration Event**  
File No. 0330-01

The Committee were invited to attend the 2016 Partners in Parks Celebration event. This annual event is held to recognize volunteers in the City's Partners in Parks, Friends of the Forest, Surrey Youth Stewardship Squad, Environmental Extravaganza and other Parks volunteer programs.

Date: Thursday, June 16, 2016  
Time: 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm (*Official Ceremony at 7:15 pm*)  
Location: Bear Creek Park - 13750 88 Avenue

## 2. Calendar of Events

The calendar of upcoming Parks, Recreation and Culture and Community Events was acknowledged.

## 3. Verbal Update

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

- **Outdoor Pools** - Greenaway, Bear Creek and Sunnyside outdoor pools are now opened (May 16<sup>th</sup>). The remaining outdoor pools will open June 29<sup>th</sup>.
- **Surrey Lacrosse: response to delegation at April 20<sup>th</sup> PRSTC meeting** - The City of Surrey has committed to keeping lacrosse and other dry floor sports in mind when designing the two new arenas. The City will have public consultations and outreach during the planning stages of the new arenas to ensure feedback from Surrey Lacrosse on the under ice surface and ensuring ceiling heights are high enough as well as climate control and shot clocks will be incorporated into the plans.

Once the new sheets of ice are complete, we will hold ice and dry floor allocation meetings with all of our user groups to ensure equity and fairness in assignments of space. This draft Dry Floor Allocation Policy is based on the philosophy that there is a need to give first priority to Surrey's youth in the allocation of prime floor time. With the positive values and skills that can be derived from participating in arena facility activities, it is imperative that Surrey's youth be provided with the opportunity to enhance these qualities. Our dry floor user groups have assigned representatives for these meetings to review the draft policy. The Committee will receive updates throughout the process.

- **Youth Summer Fun Pass** - A new Summer Fun Pass is available for children and youth under 18 to enjoy endless drop-in fun at all Surrey recreation locations, available for purchase starting June 1<sup>st</sup>. Pass prices are **\$47.50 and are valid from June 24<sup>th</sup> to September 5<sup>th</sup>**.
- **SASSY Awards** - The SASSY Awards were held on May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Surrey Arts Centre, honouring youth who are making a difference in our community by demonstrating the Rotary ideal of 'service above self'. Awards were presented in the categories of Arts and Culture Leadership, Community Service, Environmental Leadership, International Service, Overcoming Adversity, Sports Leadership, and Youth Leadership.
- **Urban Forestry section** - A total of 494 trees were sold at two recent events: Arbor Day (59 trees) and Party for the Planet (435 trees and 753 native plants).
- **Mother's Day at the Glades** - The Glades annual Mother's Day opening had a record breaking 1,700 people attend. The favourable weather and colourful garden provided a wonderful backdrop for families to spend Mother's Day together. The addition of a parking lot on the property to the south assisted in managing the increased numbers for the event. While strolling in the

garden visitors were able to enjoy a latte and light snacks while being entertained by the West Coast Strings ensemble.

- **Grandview Heights Aquatic Centre** - The official grand opening will take place on June 11<sup>th</sup>, supported by live entertainment. Swimming will be free.
- **Seniors Week: June 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>** - Surrey's Seniors' Week is celebrated annually with free, fun activities for seniors at our Recreation Centres and in our parks. Each day there are events, activities and opportunities for seniors to participate in, and to engage with friends, win prizes, and celebrate together. As a kick off to this year's celebrations, the City is also hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual "Aging in Place" Conference on Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> at Cloverdale Recreation Centre.

#### J. NEXT MEETING

It was agreed the next meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee will be held on **Wednesday, June 22, 2016** in **Meeting Room 2E – Community Room A**.

#### K. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by T. Allen

Seconded by B. Burnside

That the Parks, Recreation and Sport

Tourism Committee do now adjourn.

Carried

The Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

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Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

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Councillor Bruce Hayne, Chair  
Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee