



# Corporate Report

NO: R059

COUNCIL DATE: April 20, 2009

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## REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council DATE: March 11, 2009  
FROM: General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture FILE: 6140-20/K  
SUBJECT: Kwomais Point Park – Use of Sanford Hall & Kwomais Lodge

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## RECOMMENDATION

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department recommend that Council:

1. receive this report for information; and
2. forward a copy of this report to the Heritage Advisory Commission as information.

## INTENT

The purpose of this report is to respond to concerns expressed by the Heritage Advisory Commission regarding the future programs planned at Kwomais Point Park (Appendix I) and to provide information on the proposed programs that will be delivered out of the existing buildings in the Park.

## BACKGROUND

At its Regular meeting on January 19, 2009 Council received the minutes of the HAC meeting of November 26, 2008 and referred to staff for a report the recommendations of the HAC as documented in Appendix I.

Kwomais Point Park is 16.25 acres of designated parkland located at the southwest tip of the Semiahmoo Peninsula. The City acquired the park in 2007 and its design and concept plans for the future are based on extensive community input and consultation. The Master Plan for Kwomais Point Park ensures a “Place of Vision” for residents and visitors through the preservation of the rich natural history of the site including the existing Kwomais Lodge and Sanford Hall buildings.

The natural environment of this historical site enables the offering of a range of accessible and affordable recreation and cultural services to the City's diverse population.

A Steering Committee guided the Kwomais Point Park Planning process. The Steering Committee included representatives from the Heritage Advisory Commission, the Ocean Park Community Association, the White Rock and Surrey Naturalists and City staff from the Engineering and Parks, Recreation and Culture Department. The final plan for the Park was presented to and adopted by Council.

## **DISCUSSION**

During the development of the Kwomais Point Master public open houses were held on April 8<sup>th</sup>, June 10<sup>th</sup> and October 16<sup>th</sup> 2008. At these open houses residents communicated to staff representatives that their preference was to maintain and upgrade both the Sanford Hall and the Lodge primarily for community access and music events. The Ocean Park Community Association also supported the operation of these buildings by the City and indicated that the additional space in the Park would complement their Community hall in Ocean Park. Staff advised the public at the time that these facilities with needed renovations could assist in addressing the shortage of community meeting space across the City. Programs at Sanford Hall and the Lodge would also create an extension of the services already offered at a city-wide level, while connecting children to nature through a variety of established entry points including preschool, after school and camp programs. Upgrades to the buildings and park are currently underway and will be completed and ready for programming and bookings in January 2010.

At this time it is intended that the Community and Leisure Services Division of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department will operate the Sanford Hall and the Lodge. These buildings will compliment the delivery of recreational and community services and programs offered by the South Surrey Community and Leisure Services Section. This operational model will allow for the efficient delivery of recreational and community services from these buildings as the infrastructure for administration, staff training, registration and evaluations is already in place. The operational budget for these two new buildings including both administration and the delivery of programs will amount to approximately \$200,000 in 2010. South Surrey Community and Leisure Services has several successful partnership models established to enhance and broaden partnerships to deliver efficient programming.

A Community and Leisure Services integrated approach to programming and services at the two buildings in Kwomais Point Park will include opportunities for children, youth, adults and seniors in the following areas:

- Enhancement and expansion of the *Nature Matters* programs;
- Day camps for children with special needs;
- Summer day camps;
- Environmental education;
- Music programs;
- Arts & Heritage programming;
- Youth Performing Arts;
- Coffee House Music events;
- Seniors Tea and Social programs;

- City Special Events;
- Tours and Interpretive programming;
- Park programming for families, youth and seniors;
- Preschool early learning and literacy programs;
- Community rental space for event bookings; and
- Training for staff, volunteers, agencies and businesses.

The outcomes from the above collaborative programming approach will include:

- Shared utilization of community space;
- Partnership development improving program diversity;
- Increased participation in recreation, leisure, arts and environmental programs by all ages;
- Improved event and programming capacity for City and community use; and
- A family destination site for events and celebrations.

Along with the rich history and natural beauty of Kwomais Point Park, the new programming spaces will provide opportunities for all ages and interests, including local artists and musicians, ultimately increasing attendance at the Park, which will ensure maximum use of this unique open public space.

## **CONCLUSION**

City staff will work collaboratively with agencies, businesses and groups to enhance and expand programming experiences for all residents and visitors at Kwomais Point Park through the use of the existing Sanford Hall and Lodge buildings on the Park site. The buildings will also be available for rental for community events and meetings. Programs and rentals will be priced within the Parks, Recreation and Culture Council annually approved Fees and Charges By-law to ensure reasonable access for the community.

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department will continue to work in consultation with its partners and City residents to ensure that the programs and services offered at Kwomais Point Park reach the greatest audience of potential users and that all residents and visitors of Surrey are able to share in this very unique and historically significant location.

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Parks, Recreation and Culture

Attachment

**Appendix I**

**City of Surrey**  
***Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission***  
***Minutes***

Pondside Meeting Room  
City Hall  
14245 - 56 Avenue  
Surrey, B.C.  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2008**  
Time: 9:12 a.m.

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**OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

**1. Kwomais Point Park, Lodge and Sanford Hall**

Email dated November 5, 2008 from Commissioner Farrand.

The Commission made the following comments:

- The Kwomais Point Steering Committee would like some input from the Commission as to the preservation and usage of the Old Lodge and Sanford Hall located in Kwomais Park. The Lodge and Hall are currently undergoing works to be restored. They would like further input from the Commission before they put their report forward to Council.

It was Moved by Commissioner Farrand

Seconded by Commissioner Foulkes

That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission agrees with the preservation and protection of the Old Lodge and the Sanford Hall on the Kwomais Park site because of the significance of their built and cultural heritage.

Carried

Commissioner Foulkes left the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

- Further suggestion was made to see whether Ocean Park Community Centre could be run in conjunction with the Kwomais Park buildings.

It was Moved by Commissioner Paton

Seconded by Commissioner Farrand

That the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission recommends that the Kwomais Park Lodge and Hall be:

1. Used for historic and community uses that are affordable and accessible to the public instead of regular Parks programming; and
2. Run in cooperation with the Ocean Park Community Centre.

Carried